

"U.S. Promotion of the Afghan Economy: Impediments and Opportunities"

On July 14, 2009, the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued its extensive oversight of U.S. efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan by conducting a hearing to explore efforts by the U.S., the Afghan government, and others to spur the Afghan economy now in an effort to help stabilize the country. This hearing featured panelists with expertise in financial sector and governance reform, agriculture and agribusiness, and private sector investment in conflicted and fragile states like Afghanistan.

Witness List

- **Mildred Callear, Esq.**, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Small Enterprise Assistance Funds (SEAF) and Afghan Growth Fund, Executive board Member
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- **Mohammad Usman, Ph.D.**, Agricultural Economist, former Senior Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), Government of Afghanistan
;
- **Aly Mawji**, Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), Afghanistan Country Director; and
- **Jeremy Pam, Esq.**, Visiting Research Scholar, Sustainable Development, U.S. Institute of Peace
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Documents and Links

[Opening Statement of Chairman John F. Tierney](#)

[Prepared Testimony of Ms. Mildred Callear](#)

[Prepared Testimony of Dr. Mohammad Usman](#)

[Prepared Testimony of Mr. Aly Mawji](#)

[Prepared Testimony of Mr. Jeremy Pam](#)

[Written Statement of The Honorable Don Ritter and Mr. Ajmal Ghani](#)

[Written Statement of Ms. Mariam Nawabi](#)

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